

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS20478

Idaho Code authorizes the use of deficiency warrants under certain circumstances. The agencies pay the bills and come back to the Legislature during the next session for the cash to reimburse those costs. This legislation includes reimbursement for the costs incurred for three purposes. First, it reimburses the Fire Suppression Deficiency Warrant Fund to pay for the costs of fighting fires on wild lands protected by the state and timber protective associations. Second, it reimburses the Department of Agriculture for fiscal year 2010 costs to survey for pests on state and private lands. And third, it includes funding to reimburse the Military Division for costs incurred in fiscal year 2010 that are associated with the cleanup of hazardous materials incidents throughout Idaho.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill transfers a total of \$3,357,900 from the General Fund to three deficiency warrant funds for fiscal year 2011 as follows:

- 1) The Idaho Department of lands had a negative ending balance of \$3,080,400 in the Fire Suppression Deficiency Warrant Fund at the end of Fiscal Year 2010. This appropriation retires that deficiency warrant.
- 2) The Idaho Department of Agriculture issued deficiency warrants that included \$ 100 for grasshopper/Mormon Cricket suppression, \$300 for Gypsy Moth survey, \$51,700 for an exotic pest survey, \$3,700 for potato cyst nematode (PCN) survey and treatment, \$153,200 for invasive species. As a result, \$209,000 was appropriated from the General Fund for transfer into the Pest Control Deficiency Fund. These are the actual costs incurred by the department after taking into account federal reimbursements.
- 3) The Military Division paid costs associated with the cleanup of hazardous materials incidents throughout the state that totaled \$124,800. Of that amount, \$23,600 was paid by the responsible parties involved and \$101,200 was paid by the issuance of deficiency warrants; however, an additional \$32,700 was later recovered after the issuance of deficiency warrants. As a result, \$68,500 was appropriated from the General Fund for transfer into the Hazardous Substance Emergency Response Fund.

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